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PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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CPN FESTIVAL 2000

A scrapbook of the
Citizen Potawatomi Nation's
second annual
Heritage Festival
June 23-25, 2000

Right: Charles Jasper and Rick Hall help keep
the gourd dance tradition alive. Below: A young
girl clutches her \$5 bill to her chest after the Tiny
Tots competition at Festival 2000.

Photos by Holly Gordon



TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on

Robert K. Gregson

Robert K. Gregson of Asher died July 16, 2000, in Asher at the age of 68.

He was born Aug. 5, 1931 in Trousdale and was the son of Georgia (Law) and Roy Ervin Gregson Sr. He attended Trousdale schools and was reared on a farm near Trousdale.

He made his home around Trousdale most of his life. He raised cattle and retired from Tinker Air Force Base in 1982. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the World Wide Church of God and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Gregson; and his grandparents who raised him, George and Cora Gregson.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Gregson of the home; three daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Charlie Garretson of Tribbey; Glenda and Richard Schwartz of Calgary, Canada; Kathy Gregson of Midwest City; one brother and sister-in-law, J.R. and June Gregson of Tulsa; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mia Guthrie of Portland, OR., Norma Jean and Wyman Catledge of Tahleah; two stepsons, Jeff Hudgins of Harrah and J.C. Parker of Choctaw; four grandchildren and their spouses, Skylar Gregson of Edmond, Matthew Gregson of Asher, Mandy and Jason Bise of Lexington, and Joe Garretson of

Tribbey; aunt, Eleanor Fincher of Phoenix, AZ; uncle, Glen Gregson of Oxnard, CA; and a number of relatives and special friends.

Graveside services were held at Wanette Cemetery with Ken Vandever officiating. Services were under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

Juanita Aline Neff

Juanita Aline Neff, 85, of Payson died October 4, 1999, in Flagstaff. She was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, July 7, 1914, to parents Charlie and Julia Bounds. Her grandmother was Lucy Amelila (Higbee) Louraine and her great-grandmother was Julia Ann (Bertrand) Higbee.

Juanita and George Neff, with their family, moved from Venice, California to Tucson, Arizona in 1951 as George worked for Hughes Aircraft (he helped install the radio in Howard Hughes's Spruce Goose in Long Beach, California). Juanita and George moved to the Tucson Mountains after their family was raised. George passed away in 1989. After 41 years in her Tucson Mountains home, Juanita moved to Payson, Arizona, in 1998 to be nearer to her two daughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband George and her sister, Celia (Cele) Robinson. Survivors include her sister Maxine Mangold of Oxnard, California, three daughters, Juanita Marston of Payson, Margaret Shemek of Forest Lakes, Arizona and Georgia Ann Neff of Colorado; nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Memorial services were held October 16, 1999. She was cremated and Payson Funeral Home handled her memorial service. Juanita and George Neff are together at Cholla Bay, Mexico, where they had a cabin for 30 years, as they loved the sea and Mexico.



Double Blessing

Twin girls, Payton Maryellen and MaryKate Toni, were born to Maryellen and Salvador Antonio Godinez on April 13, 2000, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Payton weighed five pounds, five ounces and was 17 inches long and MaryKate weighed five pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. Proud relatives include: great-grandmother Demerise Langlois Detlefsen, maternal grandparents John(Jack) Lally and the late Joan Detlefsen Lally, paternal grandparents Luz Avles Godinez and the late Slavador B. Godinez and big sisters Michelle Godinez, Jennifer Godinez, Briana Castillo, Jessica Castillo and Demerise Godinez. The twins were baptized on June 11, 2000 in Chicago, Illinois. The godparents were Marybeth Ochoa and Thomas Lally and Gilbert and Rose Romero. The paternal grandparents hosted a party after the baptism for the whole family to enjoy. The proud parents are asking for tips on twins and can be reached via e-mail at TwinBabeMe@aol.com

Vandagriffs celebrate 70th anniversary

Patricia Rilda and N.B. (Buddy) Vandagriff celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary May 8, 2000. The couple was married in Purcell, Oklahoma in 1930.

Patricia Rilda is an enrolled Potawatomi tribal member. She is a descendent of the Burnett as well as the Beaubien and the Ogee Potawatomi families. Patricia Rilda is the grand-

daughter of Mary Jane Burnett on her father, W.C. Pearce's, side and the granddaughter of Julie Beaubien on her mother, Carrie Wickens's, side, who was a cousin of the Ogee family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandagriff were recently recognized by chairman John "Rocky" Barrett at the Citizen Potawatomi Festival Council Meeting.

Patricia Rilda and Buddy have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Mr. & Mrs. N.B. Vandagriff

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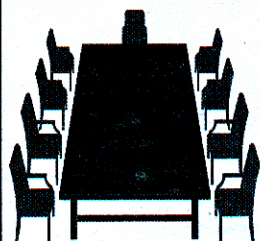
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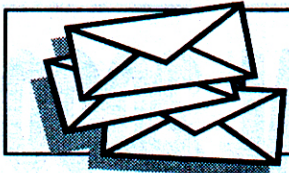
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Letters To The CPN Mailbox

Dear Chairman Barrett and Business Committee,

A big thank you for the new memories that were made at the Citizen Potawatomi 2000 Festival. I congratulate each one of you for your efforts. Friendliness and hospitality abounded.

This was my first time to actually stop in Oklahoma, instead of driving through it. I really didn't know what to expect. I came with my father, Walter G. Clardy, of La Mesa, CA; mother, Virginia Anderson, of Rosarito, Mexico; and third cousin Ethel Shirey Cook of Holiday, Texas. We were greeted with smiles and kindness from everyone. The tribal grounds are well maintained and beautiful. The family tents cooled by misters, the abundance of activities, and free food and drinks everywhere, the Sacred Heart trip, all of which made a perfect vacation. I met so many wonderful people, all of us swapping stories of our families history and enjoying the activities. I felt so comfortable and at ease with everyone. The staff was also great; they are to be commended.

I truly regret not bringing my kids. They would have had a blast. The atmosphere was very family oriented and security was at its finest. I will be bringing my kids next time for sure!

We went *everywhere*, the gift shop, museum, administration building, Long room, bowling alley, bingo hall, store (which was out of film!) pow-wow grounds, golf course, Fairview Cemetery, Pott. Co. Genealogy Club, Pott. Co. Historical Society, OBU, St. Gregory's and Wanette too! We tried to absorb as much of the Shawnee area as possible in our short stay, to imagine what it must have been like in 1871 when our family came there. We stayed an extra day to accomplish this.

Also, I was very impressed with what you have done with our money. To visualize it all for myself is better than reading about it. I can see clearly that you have the tribe's best interest in mind. Thanks for caring. Keep up the good works.

Since not much can be improved upon at the pow-wow, I would like to make a few small suggestions for next pow-wow:

1) Our Elders are sleepy people; perhaps an area or tent with lounging chairs or cots, for their naps would be in order, saving us from returning to the motel.

2) A message board at the pow-wow grounds, for the obvious reason.

3) Several ash cans on pow-wow grounds for the smokers.

4) A sign in sheet in the family tents, so we know who is there and don't miss them.

5) Print in the HowNiKan at least one

year in advance what families will have reunion tents, so planning can start early.

6) A copy machine made available to swap printed family history information would be a plus.

7) How about a permanent bathroom with shower facilities for the campers?

8) Horseback riding would be fun.

9) And last but not least by any means, I wish you, our current representatives, would give serious consideration to building/making a facility available for family research year round.

I came across so many, many people talking about their family history and each one was interested in learning more. Several were upset that the archives were not available during Pow-wow. If the motive behind the "Potawatomi only" pow-wow is bringing our families back together, this suggestion should not be ignored much longer. Surely you realize too, that genealogy is the #2 hobby in America these days, just behind stamp collecting.

I am a descendent of Joseph Bertrand Jr. and brought with me my copy of Gladys Moeller's book on the ancestors and descendants of Joseph Bertrand Sr. As you can imagine, there was lots of interest in the Bertrand tent. I would assume the other families in attendance would have liked to try to "fill in the gaps" of their history too.

Thank you again for a most enjoyable time.

Sincerely,

Nita Clardy Freer
Santee, CA
Nitafreer@att.net

P.S. I appeal to all Citizen Potawatomi members to write, phone or email the Business Committee with your opinion on making a research facility available to us. Our future is bright. Preservation of our family history in conjunction with the museum should be a priority.



Rating: ***** Superior — Impressive, a Festival that made all Potawatomis proud! And we thought last year was nice. Yes, there were a few rough spots to work on. So, you people got to work and not only made the repairs, the numerous improvements were almost unbelievable! If it keeps getting better, we won't be able to stand it!

On behalf of our entire proud family, we extend our heartfelt thanks. The expertise of the entire task/work force required to put on the gala event is to be commended. We have never attended a more pleasant affair! Every endlessly working person was friendly and smiling at all times. We never saw one

slight irritation from anyone. That is truly remarkable. It's hard to even comprehend how that euphoric atmosphere could continue for days. But, it did.

This huge family reunion is providing a wonderful environment for our grandchildren to meet distant and even not so distant cousins. Also, to learn about their heritage and all the great accomplishments of the CPN, this is what make my Potawatomis proud!

A Proud Non-Indian,

Judy Cavender



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing,

I would like to thank the Housing Department of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for the recent refurbishing of my home which was done through your Home Improvement Program. When the program was first announced I applied to have my house redone. My application was approved and almost immediately the work began on my home. All the work has now been completed and I am proud to say that the house looks great. I would also like to personally thank Steve and Butch Taylor who did the work.

Thanks again

Roy Silas
Potawatomi Elder



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It has been a few weeks since I received help from the Potawatomi Nation to obtain a hearing aid. It has helped me to be able to hear some of the conversations I was missing out on due to misunderstanding words that sound alike, road noise in a car, and crowds of people. Again I want to express my thanks and my prayer is that our Savior Jesus will bless the Potawatomi Nation in its activities.

You have my permission to print my address in case any of my Kansas cousins would care to get in touch, some of them I have not seen since I went to Korea in 1951.

Again, thank you.

Edward A. Schwartz
P.O. Box 358
Pioneer Town, CA 92268



I would like to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Angela, Violet, Christina and Susan for the miracles they accomplished in preparing the food for the festival. They all worked many

tireless hours, with very little thanks or recognition.

I would also like to thank Mr. Terry O'Rourke, the master magician, and Ron Everett and the construction crew. We could not have pulled any of this off without your help.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Jamie Moucka



Hello Maine Potawatomis!

I would love to hear from you. I am a 60 year old maker of birchbark baskets. For the last 14 years I've lived in a small cabin in the woods. Peaceful. Close to nature. Much beauty. There is room in my life for more friends. Write to me!

Sandra Walker
RFD 1, Box 88
Milo, Maine 04463



I would like to thank Debbie Montgomery and her family for a very nice evening that I spent with them at the festival.

Patricia Jolley
Shawnee, OK



We, the descendants of Charles David Anderson, thank the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for providing a tent for our family reunion.

157 of these descendants, wearing various colors of sashes and shawls, traveled from as far away as Washington state and as close as Yukon, Oklahoma to celebrate our Potawatomi heritage.

They are the descendants of Charles David Anderson, the son of John and Elizabeth (Hardin) Anderson.

John Anderson, one of the first Potawatomis to arrive in Oklahoma, was the son of John Anderson and Mary Trombley.

Thanks again,

Christine (Anderson) Carlisle and
the rest of the Anderson Clan

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Forget!
HowNiKan
Deadline Is
The 5th Of
The Month!



CPN FESTIVAL 2000

Big crowd moves General Council to bingo hall

BY GLORIA TROTTER

The June 24, 2000, General Council meeting had to move to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation bingo hall to accommodate the crowd of about 370.

Despite the turnout for the Council meeting, voting returns for the 2000 election did not reflect that interest. Election Committee chairman Gary Bourbonnais reported that less 500 voters bothered to cast ballots out of the tribe's 19,494 eligible voters. The annual budget on spending interest on set-aside funds was approved 295-132.

"You need to try to make us work a little harder next year," Bourbonnais told the Council.

The election results kicked off the almost three hour meeting, some of which stretched past the official adjournment. Tribal Court Judge Phil Lujan tried to set the tone by reminding the Council that they were "participating in nation building." He said the court system in particular "continues its commitment to the lawful process." Lujan praised the tribe's progress and said it is an example of how Native people can "take things alien and make them a part of their culture." Using the horse as an example, he recalled how Native Americans used them to "change things."

Lujan, a Kiowa who is the most experienced tribal judge in Oklahoma after 22 years, said he "holds the Potawatomi Nation up to my tribe" as an example.

Following the traditional format of Council meetings, Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett recognized those who had traveled farthest to attend, and the eldest and youngest enrolled members present. Vice Chairman Linda Capps announced the winners of the annual competition, Dot Spencer of Colorado, whose white deerskin beaded vest won first; Ginger Johnson of Oklahoma whose regalia with ribbon work placed second; and Brenda Hicks of Arkansas, whose oil painting was third.

Jim Denton of the tribe's accounting firm began a series of annual reports by telling tribal members that the Potawatomi accounting department won the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in government accounting for the 11th year in a row. "This is the only entity — city, county, state, whatever — ever to do that," he said. Denton reported that the tribe's assets will top 100 million dollars next year and the grocery store will be the area's fourth largest employer. "The Nation



Gary Bourbonnais reads election results to the large General Council crowd

Election Results Budget

| | Absentee | Live |
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| Yes | 162 | 133 |
| No | 20 | 112 |
| Total: | Yes | 295 |
| | No | 132 |

continues to grow and prosper financially," he said.

Tribal attorney Michael Minnis reported that the Supreme Court refused to hear the lawsuit filed by the Potawatomis, Kickapoos and Sac & Fox challenging the distribution of housing funds. "They never heard the merits," he said. He also updated the Council on the problem with tires placed on FireLake Golf Course for erosion control by a company which went bankrupt. He said the state would remove of the tires "sometime this summer."

Minnis also informed the tribe that an effort is being made to have the Census "acknowledge that there is no shared reservation with the Absentee Shawnees. If we can do that, we will solve a lot of problems." He said the

Shawnees currently receive about 79 percent of the federal funding although they have only one percent of the land area and ten percent of the Native American population in the Shawnee area.

Larry Briggs, president of the tribally-owned First National Bank, reported "a million dollars going from the bank to the tribe. And we're going to do substantially better in 2000." Briggs reminded tribal members that First National is the only locally-owned bank in the Shawnee area and that a branch was recently opened in Holdenville which showed a profit the first month. A second branch will open in the tribe's grocery store early next year.

Briggs also noted that of the nine tribes which own six banks, First National is the largest and the only one where the elected officials of the tribe are allowed to hold a majority of the seats on the bank's board of directors. The bank's new mortgage loan department is "unusual for a bank our size," he said, and is possible only because of the relationship with the tribe. Briggs said former Cherokee chief and federal official Ross Swimmer recently complimented the tribe at a meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of State Goals.

Barrett, following up on Briggs' report, noted that the tribe has earned

eight million dollars in interest on trust fund accounts since taking the funds away from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He then opened the floor to questions, promising to remain until everyone's questions were answered.

Several questions were asked of Denton about the tribe's finances and audit reports provided to those who requested them. One person wanted to know what the tribe's liabilities are and was told they come to \$65 million, about \$50 million of which is deposits in the bank. Other questions involved the tribe's hiring practices, particularly how many tribal members are employed by the Nation. "As many as are qualified," Barrett replied.

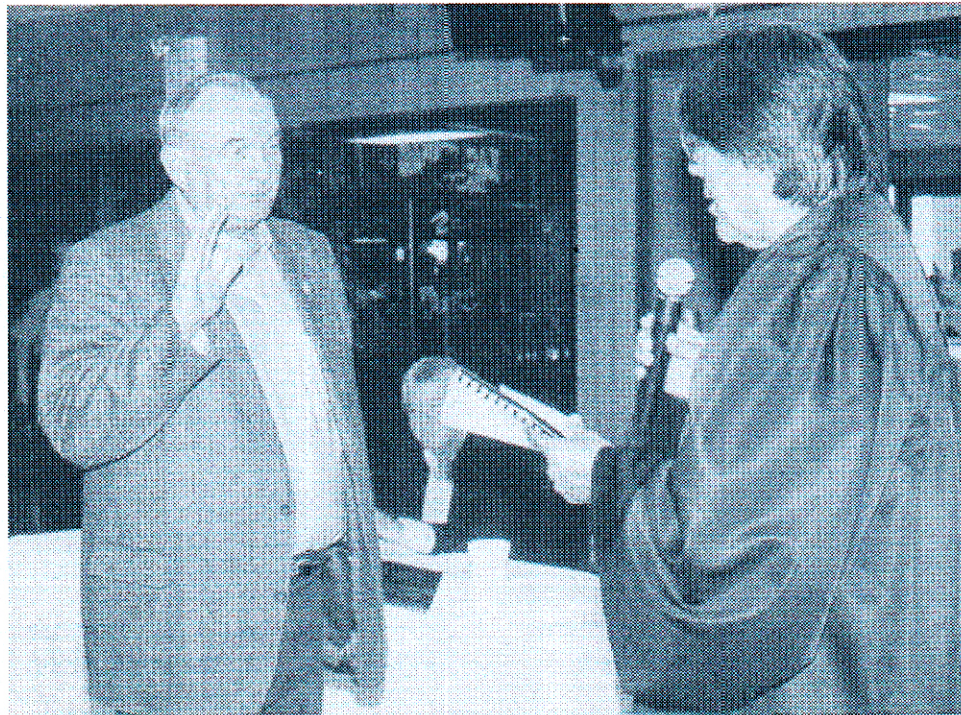
A couple of other questions involved a recent purchase of land in Kansas. Barrett explained that the 17.2 acres in Topeka was purchased as the site of a child care center and regional office. "We have 3,000 members in a 30-mile radius of there," he said, noting that the property is "near our former reservation."

"The rumor about a casino is not true," Barrett said. "We can't do that unless the land is in trust." He said the site might also be used for elder housing at some point.

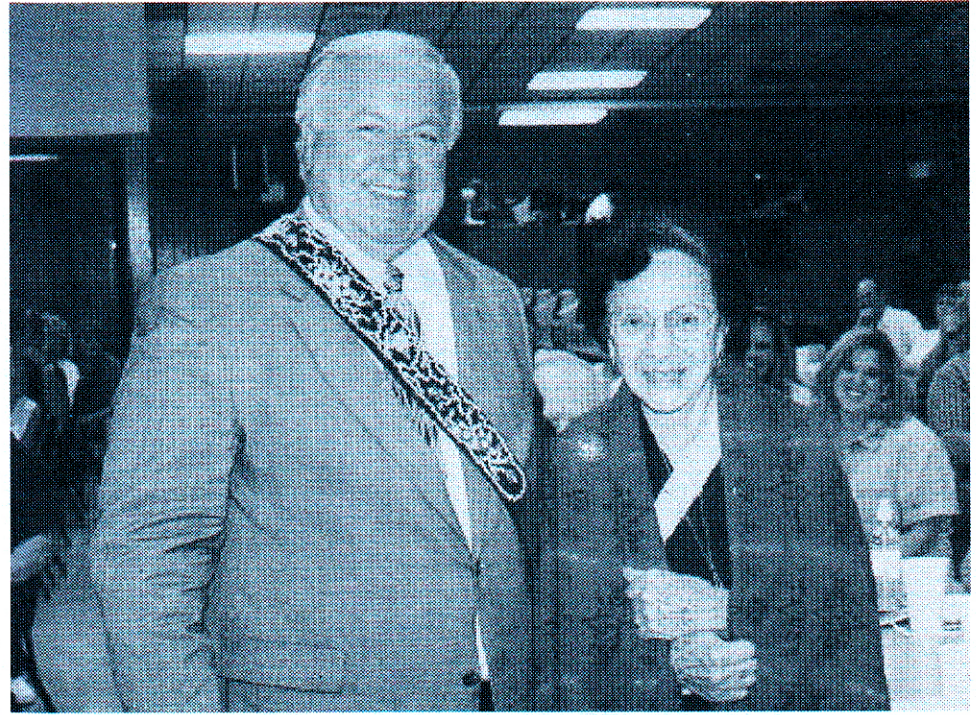
Several questions were asked about benefits to members outside the

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Judge Phil Lujan, right, swears in J.P. Motley (left), who was re-elected unopposed to a new term on the Business Committee



Chairman Barrett honors Patricia Vandegriff, 89, as the wisest Potawatomi present for General Council

Judge Lujan swears in J.P. Motley for new term

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Shawnee area. Barrett listed the pharmacy, scholarships and closing costs on the purchase of a first home as some of those. Another member complained about the content and lateness of the HowNiKan, and was told that all resolutions and Business Committee minutes will again be included in future editions. Barrett said that the bulk mail delivery of the newspaper is very slow but that the tribe is not eligible for a second class permit and first class mailing would be cost-prohibitive.

A camper suggested improving the shower facilities at the campground and was told that would be done, and another tribal member complimented the house program and language tapes, suggesting that a "language summer camp" be considered. Barrett said it was a good idea and would be pursued. Someone else asked how the new grocery store would benefit tribal members, and Barrett said the tribal taxes it will generate will help programs while the economic benefit to the community will be tremendous. "We

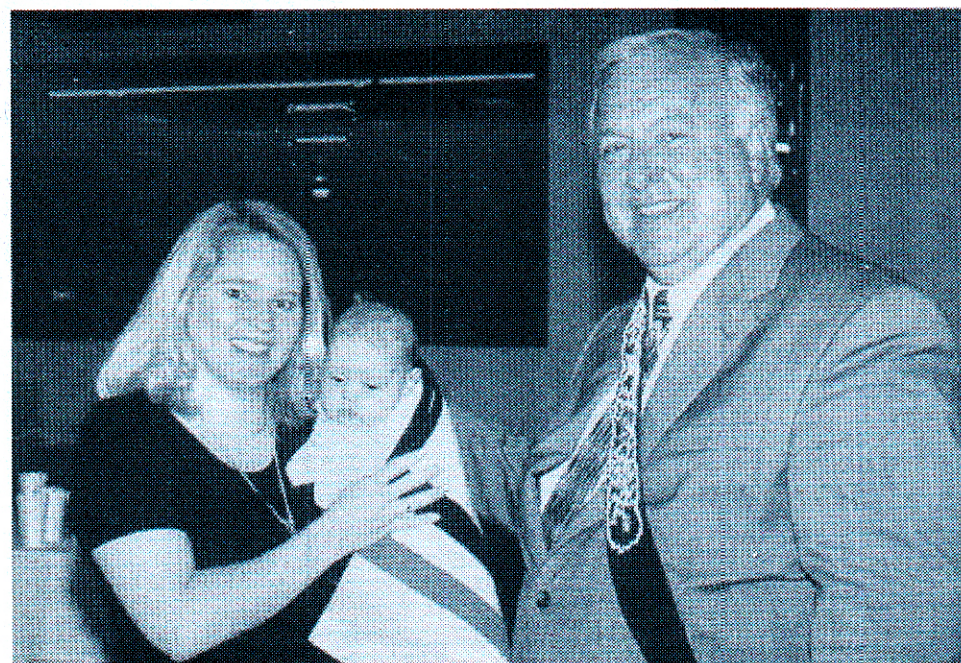
spend \$11 million a year in the Shawnee area," he said. "The Crest (a big grocery store in Midwest City) money never comes back."

After several more questions from various tribal members, Joe Wano rose and began a lengthy series of questions and remarks, including criticism of Barrett for not responding to letters. Barrett responded to several of the questions, some of which had been previously asked, and finally said he didn't know "what to keep telling you.

We don't have the resources to do what you want us to do ... we do the best we can with what we've got."

Finally, after a series of questions, Barrett noted that the required business of the Council had been completed and adjourned the meeting. Many tribal members and most of the Business Committee left, but Barrett and Capps, along with several dozen tribal members, remained.

Barrett invited all present to attend the gourd dancing and the Grand Entry.



Cade Kellen Muldrow, with his mother Brooke (Bruno) Muldrow, was the youngest enrolled Potawatomi present



Kate Reardon was honored for traveling farthest. She came all the way from Everett, Washington, to attend Festival 2000.



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Danny Wood was one of many archers vying for prizes

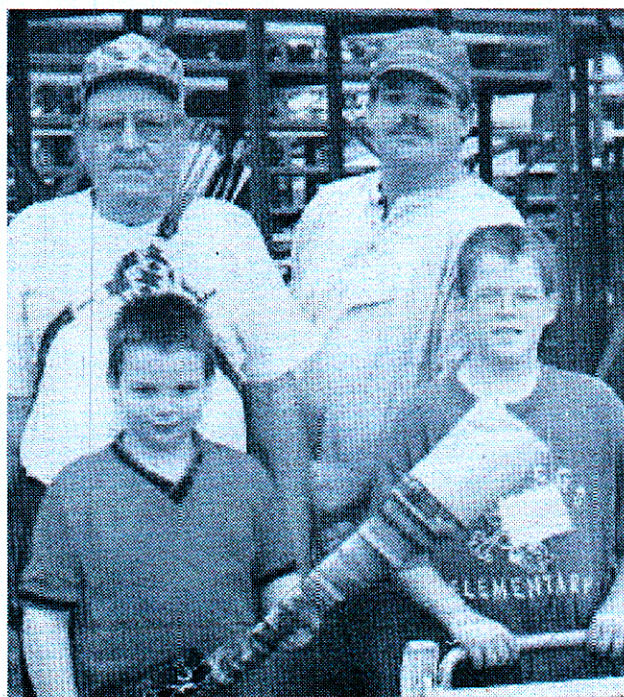


Jerry Yates helped Vice Chairman Linda Capps plan the competition

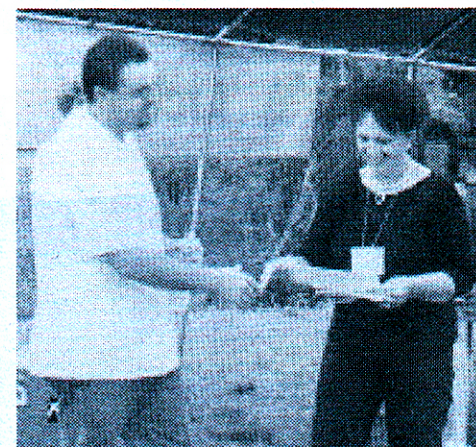


Archery!

Archery was one of the competitive games at the Festival for the first time this year. Above, Randy Nunley and other archers line up their shots.



The Cross family loves archery. Standing are Leon and his son David, who was first in longbow, with Leon's grandsons in front.

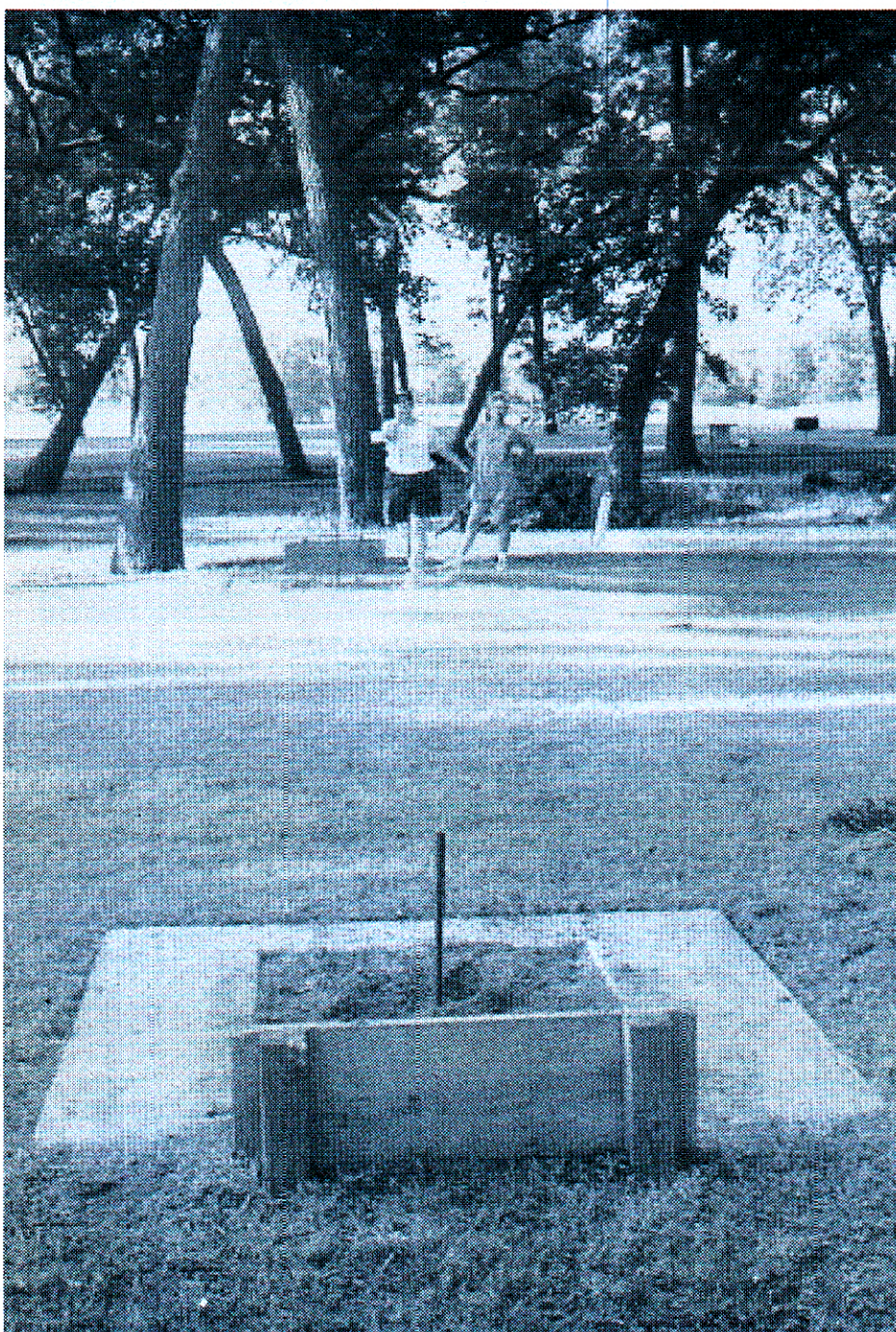


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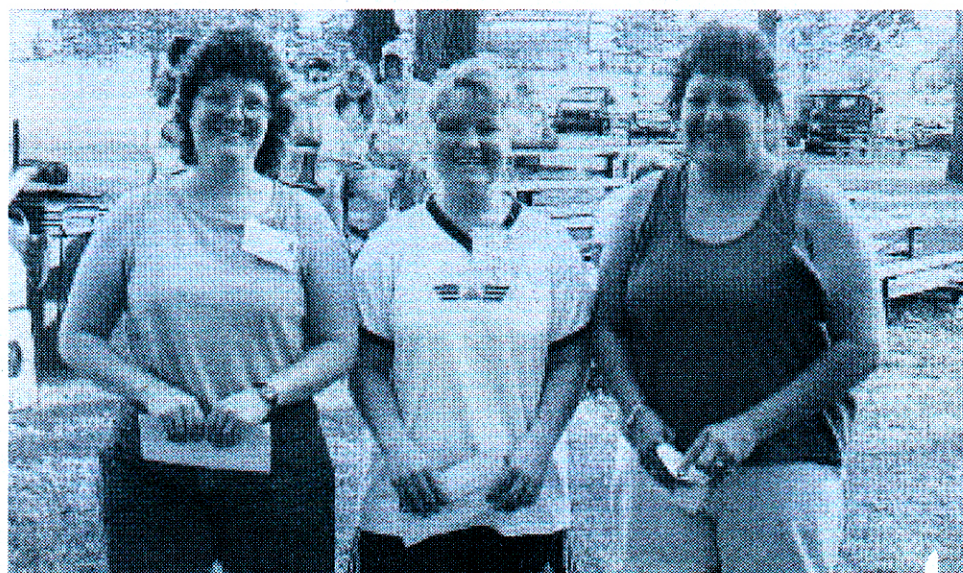


Horseshoes!

The longest-running contest in the history of the tribe's annual gathering is horseshoes, played in the ancient pecan grove that once was the site of pow-wows. Dozens vied for the prizes.



Tournament director Mike Wood, left, presents the prizes to mens' winners William Howell, Tecumseh, third; Scott Bruno, Tecumseh, second; and Jerry Melot, Shawnee, first.



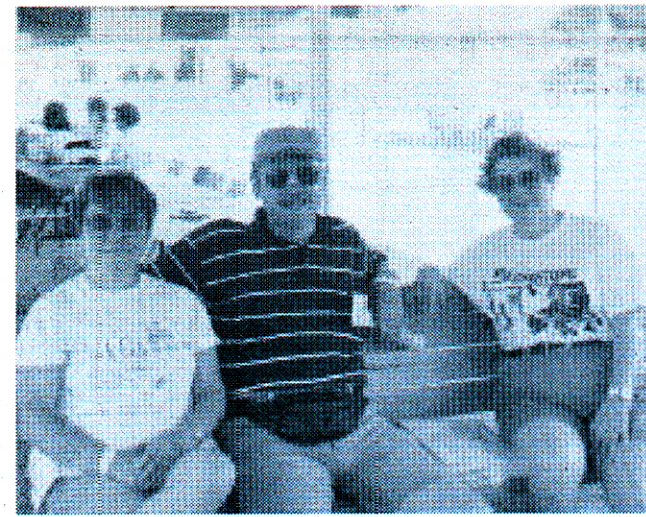
Women's winners were Dawn Honsinger, Konawa, first; Wendy Mulanax, Topeka, KS, second; and Jannette Quiett, Delia, KS, third.



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Reunion!

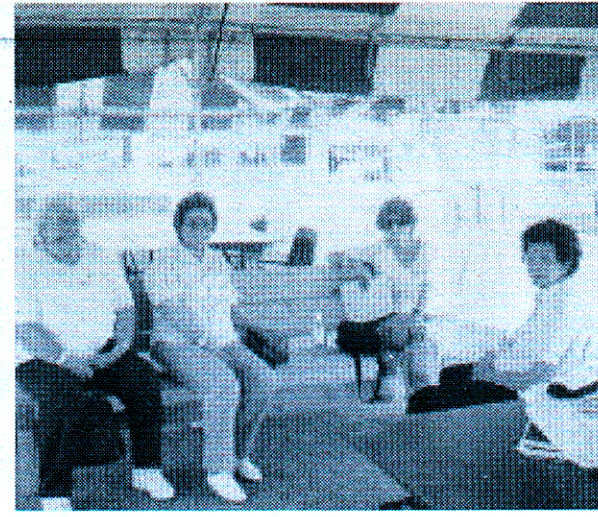
The Festival is all about family, and family reunion tents were a big attraction — especially since they were equipped with misters to combat the heat.



Ogee family group



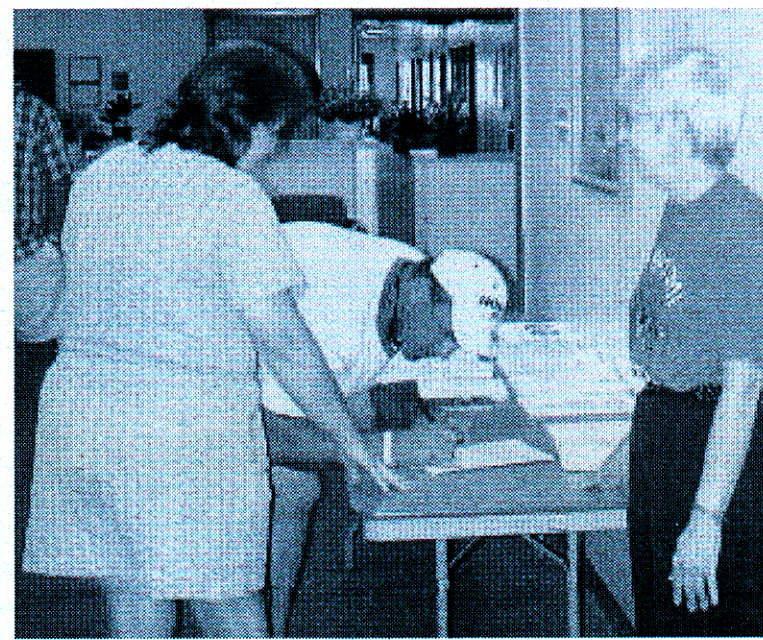
Wano family group



Bertrand family group



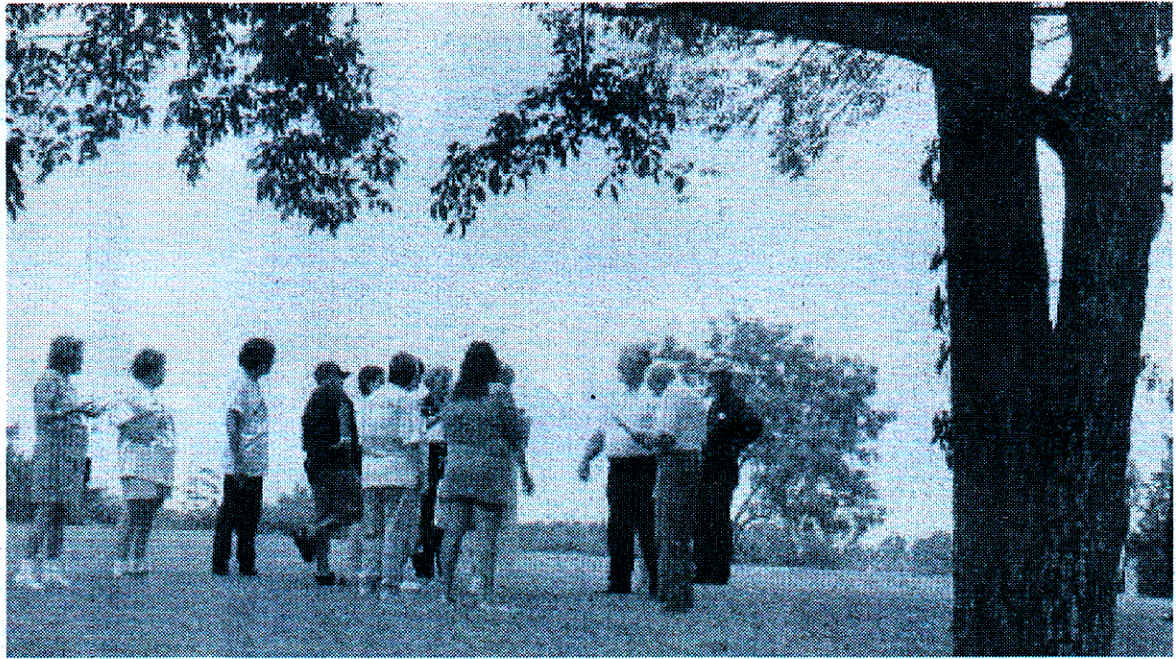
Tribal members took advantage of various services — and the air conditioning! — while in Shawnee. At left, a staff member helps prepare photo ID cards, while at right tribal rolls director Mary Farrell (right) helps with some paperwork.



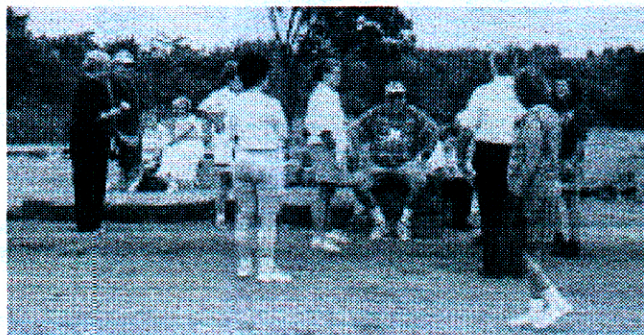
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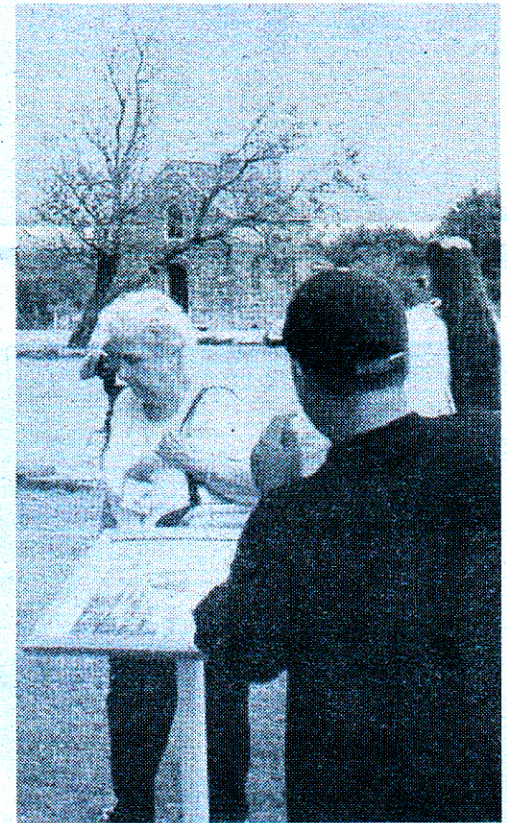
Chairman John Barrett led the tour of the Sacred Heart Mission site



The foundation of a building never completed was a good resting spot



These ladies lived at Sacred Heart in their youth: left, Thelma (Negahnquet) Beeson, Henrietta Lucille (Bourbonnais) Langenkamp, and Opal (Bourbonnais) Sullivan.



New markers explain the various Sacred Heart sites. In the background is the bakery, one of only two buildings still intact.



The monks who built and worked at the mission rest in this cemetery

Sacred Heart Catholic Church still serves the parish



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The largest all-Potawatomi Grand Entry ever filled the arena on Saturday night of Festival 2000. Chairman John A. Barrett led the entry with the Eagle Staff.



Left: Leslie Deer in her beautiful regalia.



Regional Directors Thom Finks and Gene Lambert in regalia



Joanie DelosSantos with Vice Chairman Linda Capps



Right: Regional Director Rocky Baptiste and James Allensworth participate in gourd dancing.

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Margaret Zientek, right, was among the cloth dancers



Little girl, big shawl



Peggy Kinder and Pat Brolhier join the dancing



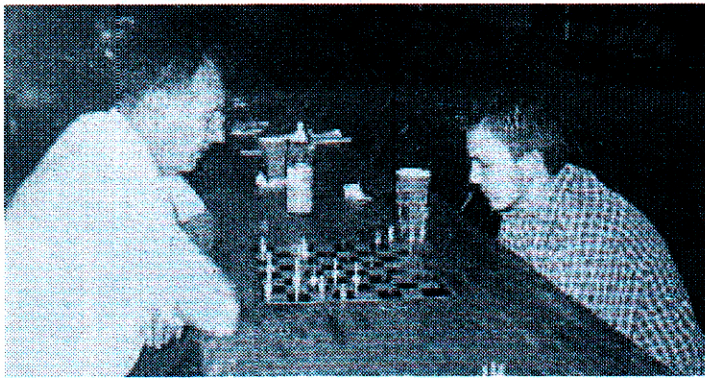
With or without regalia, tribal members and their families enjoyed the dancing



Gourd dancers Charles Jasper, Rick Hall and John Bourbonnais



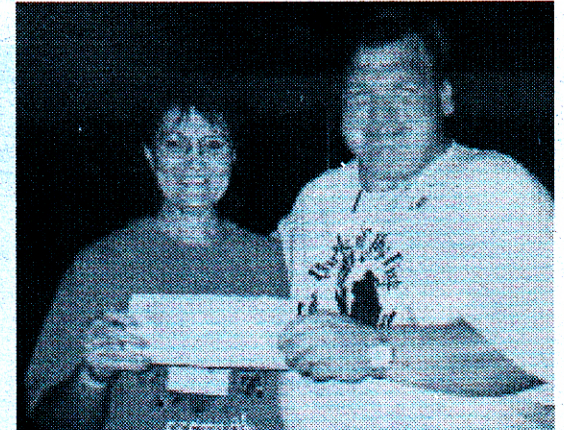
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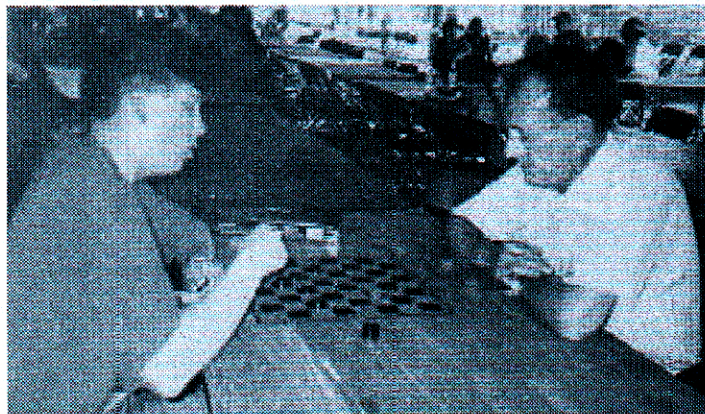
Chess winners Eddie Moore, first, and Chad Draper, second



Daniel Wahpepah, third place chess winner



Pam Smith presents prize to third place dominos winner Larry Casey



Checkers winners Aaron Esport, second, and Eddie Moore, first



Gary Smith gives third place checkers winner Jerry VanVacter his prize



Gary Smith awards Pat Schmidkofer second place in the Indian Car contest



First Place Volleyball Team



Second Place Volleyball Team



Third Place Volleyball Team



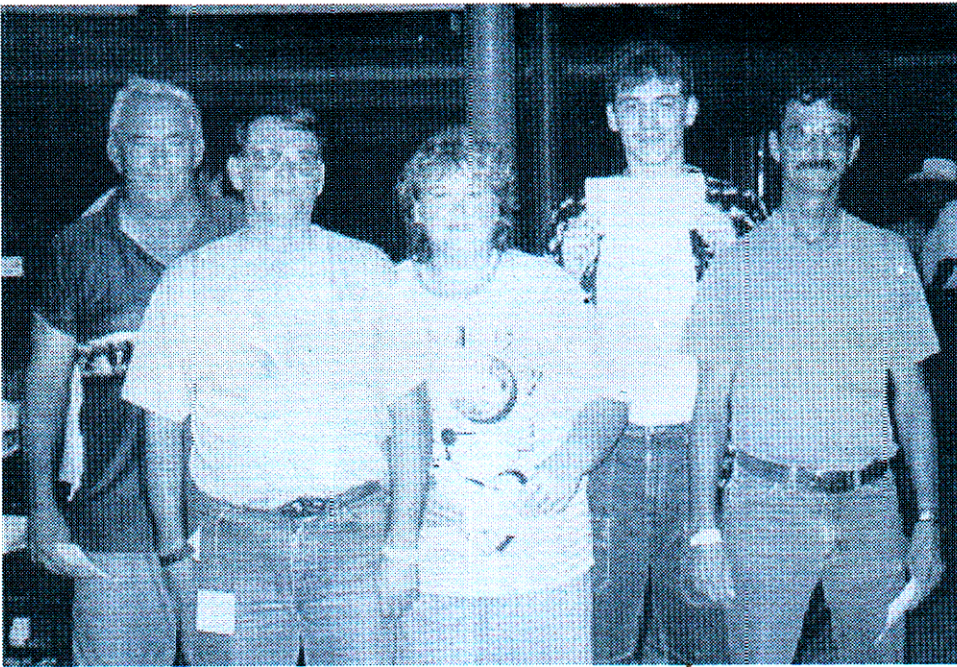
Fourth Place Volleyball Team



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Fun & Games!

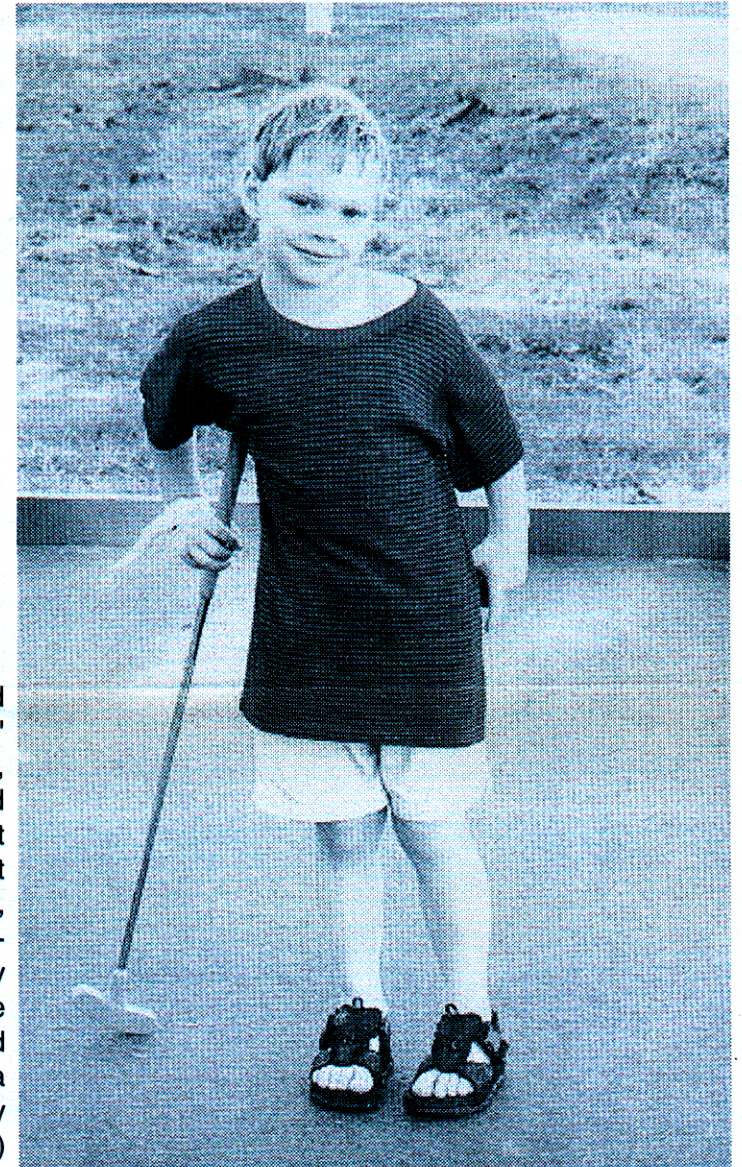
There were plenty of contests and plenty of winners during Potawatomi Festival 2000. Here are some of them, captured by photographers Dennette Brand, Holly Gordon, Gloria Trotter and others.



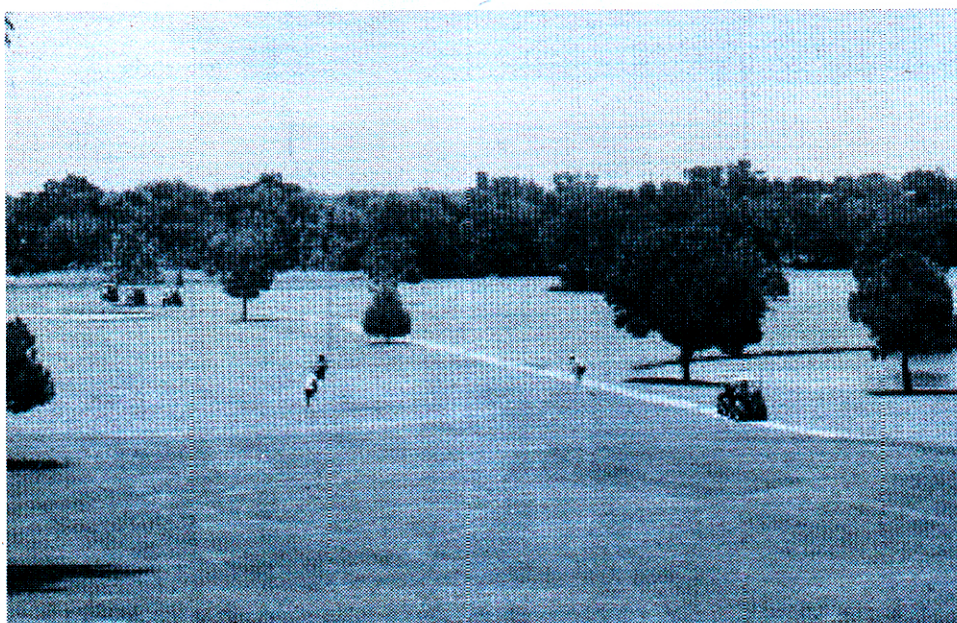
The Anderson family won the handgame competition



Second place in men's basketball was this team made up of Shane Wardelo, William Howell Jr. and William Howell III.



Four-year-old Nick "Ogee" Alders of Dallas, Texas, recorded the first "ace" at the tribe's newest enterprise, FireLake Mini-Putt. His family said it was the first time he had ever picked up a putter. (Photo by Bill Nuttle)



The annual golf tournament kept many busy most of Saturday



Competition was hot in the fry bread contest



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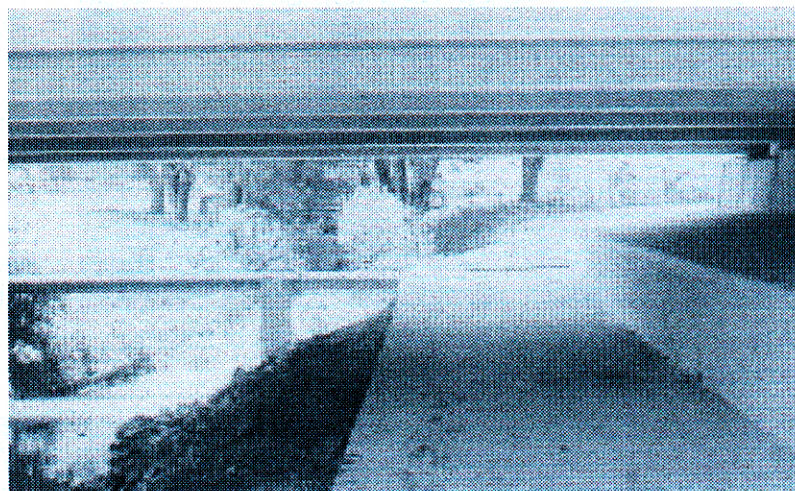
Enjoying the country-western dancing Friday night were, left, Elizabeth and Chase Norman, and below, Kristie hall.



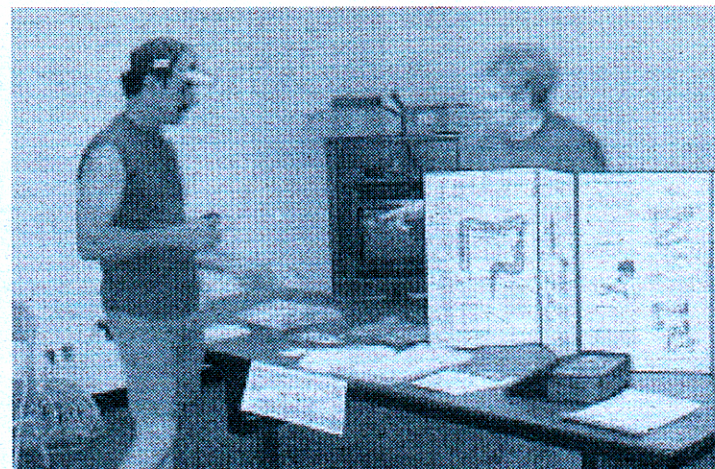
Southern California regional director Jeremy Bertrand Finch was among the winners in the dance competition on Saturday night.



Left: John Bourbonnais, Chairman John A. Barrett and Tom Cooper solemnly lead the Grand Entry on Saturday night.



The new walkway under the highway bridge was a safer and shorter route from the tribal headquarters to the pow-wow grounds.

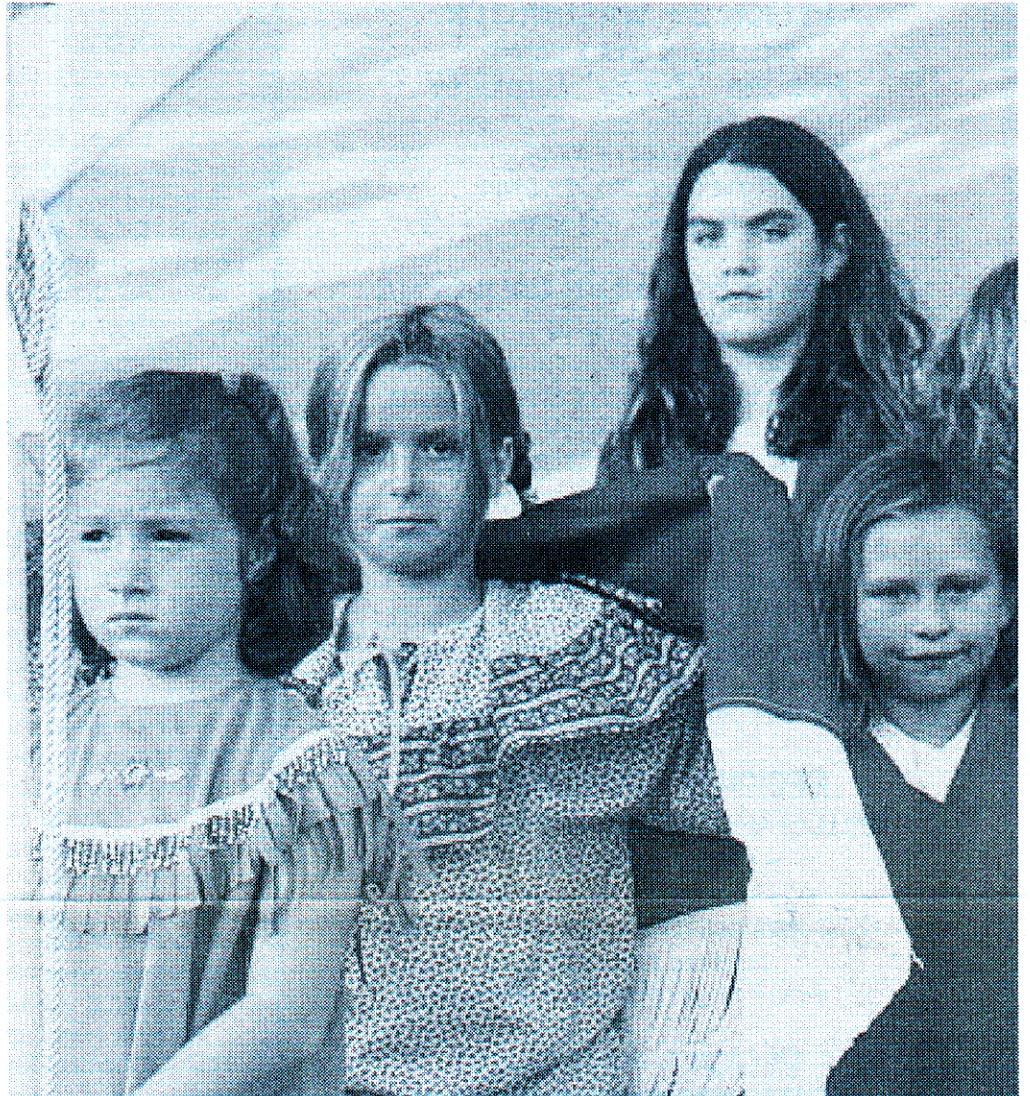


Loretta Miller, right, gives health information to Ron Cooper of Shawnee at the clinic's open house.

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Church services on Sunday morning were led by golf director Mike Wood, above, and featured music by the Orphan Singers, right.



The photographer didn't get the names of most of these beautiful ladies, except for Peggy Diana Jackson, in the photo below center, who is seeing the festival from her wheelchair. Pictured below right are Sharon Alexander (right) and her daughter Veta Michelle.



The give-aways, one for children and one for adults, were among the most exciting events of the Festival.





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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California

Bozho Nikan:

Well here it is the 4th of July and we're celebrating the birth of our nation. It's a national holiday, the barbecues have hot dogs and hamburgers going in the back yard and plans have been made to view the local fireworks show or set some off your selves. It's the true beginning of summer and is always a treat for young and old alike. I know you're not sure where I'm going with this but stay with me.

Having just returned from Shawnee and our Heritage Festival 2000, perhaps I can plant a new seed and we all can start a new tradition. Having been to several of our powwows in the past and enjoying the dancing and beautiful regalia worn by the dancers and participants, we as a nation (Citizen Potawatomi) had very few if any participants. Large amounts of money went to dancers who where very deserving of those prizes. But no Potawatomis were participating and it was our powwow.

With the new Heritage Festival format I found a lot more relaxed feeling overall. The problems that we had last year with food service were fixed and in general we had a fantastic turn out and every one had a great time. We had fewer dancers than in the old format but they were Potawatomi, every last one of them. My brother Jeremy from Southern California Region placed in the money and I for one was not only happy but proud that he was out there giving it his all. If I can get busy and get these

tired old bones to hustle like they used to I'm going to try to be ready next year and dance too.

Whether you dance, watch, enter the various events or get involved with one of the family reunions that are available, there is something for every one. The business council and employees of the tribe did one heck of a job. Where else have you seen a 36 hole goofy golf course built in less than 3 weeks? A large area for the little ones (and a few of us big ones too) to cool off in a water fountain? Every thing went like clockwork. The effort put forth was nothing short of super human. But it has always been a Potawatomi tradition to go above and beyond what has been thought of as normal. Please think about attending next year's Heritage Festival. I promise you'll have the time of your life and meet a lot more of your extended family.

The general council meeting was so well attended that it was moved from the longroom to the bingo hall so that every one could be accommodated. The tribe again has had a prosperous year with its business endeavors. If there is a sad or bad mark to be made, it is the number of people who voted in the election. While the election committee was reading off the results of the election it hit me like a hammer that fewer than 575 persons bothered to vote. This is shameful; we have an enrolled number of tribal members exceeding 16,000 persons and only approxi-

mately 350 absentee ballots where cast. I'm sorry, I just don't get it.

In Northern California we have that many people show up for our regional meetings. Our leadership has had the foresight to set up regions so that they can keep us informed of what direction we need to go and what's going on with the tribe's many business ventures. The business committee has a grueling schedule of regional council meetings and goes to great lengths to stand and answer all questions regardless of who asks them. It's our turn to take a positive stance.

We need to all take a moment to reflect and then stand tall as proud members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and send in our absentee ballots and vote in next year's election. Let's show one and all who we are and what we believe in. While decisions made today may not affect our children or us, it can and will affect our grandchildren and culturally that's the way it should be.

I'm starting to look for a site to have our regional meeting in March, so if anyone has an idea or a location please contact me ASAP. I'm also planning on a Region 3 picnic next summer so let me know your feelings on that as well. I just wasn't able to get a picnic together this year but I'm trying to make it a tradition and we'll learn more about our heritage as well as meet new friends.

Be well and take care.

Megwich,

— Thom Finks

Southern Texas

Hau, wene bosho gete
nikanyek,

Ni je na?

Festival 2000 was a lot of fun, eh? My granddaughters and I had a great time. Even the weather was perfect.

So many things to do we didn't even get to some of them. And so much food! Having the "misters" in the tents for the family reunions was such a help, even us "old folks" could visit and be comfortable.

I enjoyed seeing each and every one of you, only wish we

had more time to catch up on all the news of family and friends. It was good to see again all of you who are from the other regions. We are so scattered to the four winds.

We watched the Friday night dancing, the hand games, and loved all the music and drumming there. It was apparent that all participating were having a great time.

The girls got into as many games as they could find time for, and made lots of new friends as they did.

Saturday evening we danced with "new" knee and decided it's a keeper! It was heartwarming to see all you Potawatomi in that Circle dancing to the Rough Arrow songs.

Congratulations and Kche Mig wech to you there at "home," who make this happen for us every year and do it so well. We appreciate you more than you know.

Bama pi gwi kigdomen mine

— Lu Ellis

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern Texas

My husband and I went to Shawnee the last weekend in June for the second annual Festival and Business Council Meeting. Before we left Texas it had been raining and apparently it had been raining a lot in Shawnee, but after we got there, it only rained once.

We really thought it was hot and steamy until we got back to Texas. There were hot dogs, pizza and ice cream on demand and everyone was taking advantage of it. The softball was cancelled again, but I believe everything else went as scheduled. There is a new walkway along the creek and under Gordon Cooper to take us from the headquarters to the Pow Wow grounds. I was told one of the reasons for the new walkway was to keep the kids from dashing across Gordon Cooper that is a busy street at times. It is a beautiful and peaceful walk and a lot of people were taking advantage of the new way to get from one area to the other.

The people who attended were able to get their new cards and John was very

helpful and took pity on me. He made three tries to get a good picture of me, but it still looks like me. It was not his fault, though. The new card has my father and grandmother's name on it and I am very proud of the card. The ID for the registration at the Festival was done on the computer, so it looks like we are moving into the computer age for sure.

Now I and one other Northern Texas tribal member are making plans to go to Carter, Wisconsin for the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations: 2000. I look forward to a time to learn more about the other Potawatomi and the lands where or near to the place our ancestors were before they were moved. I'll try to have a report on our travels next month.

It's hot here, but I think we are through cleaning out flowerbeds and maybe we can sit on the patio and enjoy looking at the weed free view for a week or two. Hope your summer is going well. Call if I can help.

— Marj Hobdy

Southwest

Hello from the Southwest Region 05. It was really exciting to see all the people from Region 05 participating in all the fun at the Festival 2000. The honored family tents were a great meeting place to see relatives you never met before and to find out how much you had in common.

I had the opportunity to play hand games, watch the volleyball tournaments (the winning team won \$100 each just to have fun). We had great food (too much). I saw our new clinic and I know each of you would be proud not only of the facility, but the quality of employees to care for the patients. The new store is underway and the talk of the town.

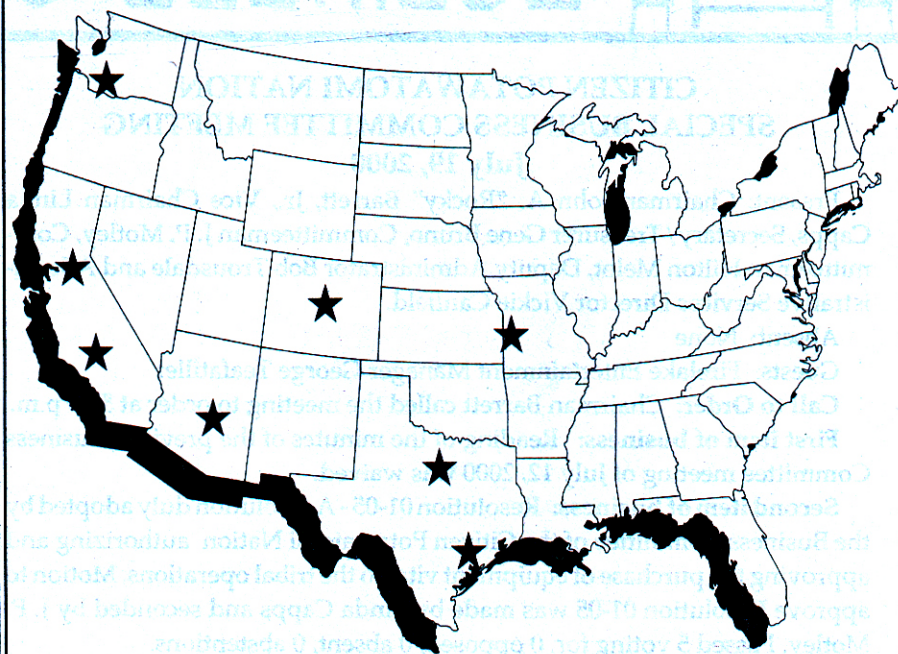
There were more Potawatomis in the Grand Entry than ever before. Without a doubt the most rewarding family function you would ever have the privilege to attend. We have great leadership and it is obvious when you go to Oklahoma and see it progress from year to year. Everyone there went over and beyond to insure all the membership had a terrific time. You really have to go to appreciate all the work they go through to keep our family heritage alive.

For those of you who could not attend this year ... start planning now for next year. There are camping grounds, RV facilities, if you prefer there are hotels and you will never enjoy anything more. The children really enjoy the dancing,

games and miniature golf. They are our future and letting them experience this now will create their future.

Until next month, wishing all of you the good things life has to offer ...

— Gene Lambert



2000-2001 Regional Council Schedule

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Denver | Sept. 16, 2000 |
| Eastern United States | Oct. 14, 2000 |
| Dallas | Nov. 11, 2000 |
| Southern California | Jan. 20, 2001 |
| Phoenix | Feb. 10, 2001 |
| Northern California | March 3, 2001 |
| Houston | March 24, 2001 |
| Oregon/Idaho/Washington | April 7, 2001 |
| Kansas | May 5, 2001 |

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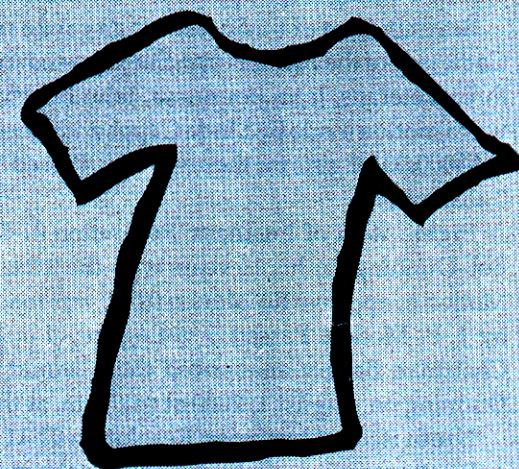
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BUSINESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2000

Present: Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman J. P. Motley, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale and Administrative Services Director Vickie Canfield.

Absent: None

Guests: Firelake Entertainment Manager George Teafatiller

Call to Order: Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

First item of business: Reading of the minutes of the previous Business Committee meeting of July 12, 2000 was waived.

Second item of business: Resolution 01-05 - A resolution duly adopted by the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation authorizing and approving the purchase of equipment vital to the tribal operations. Motion to approve Resolution 01-05 was made by Linda Capps and seconded by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Third item of business: Resolution 01-06 - A resolution authorizing and showing public support of the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition and authorizing use of the Pow Wow Grounds and Round House for an Intertribal Pow Wow. Motion to approve Resolution 01-06 was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by Linda Capps. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Fourth item of business: Resolution 01-07 - A resolution authorizing Citizen Potawatomi Nation to execute a lease agreement with Planet Bingo, L.L.C. and granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Motion to approve Resolution 01-07 was made by Hilton Melot and seconded by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Fifth item of business: Resolution 01-08: A resolution accepting a loan commitment of \$5,000,000 from Union Bank & Trust Company for construction and leasehold mortgage financing for Firelake Discount Foods. Motion to approve Resolution 01-08 was made by Linda Capps and seconded by John Barrett. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Sixth item of business: Resolution 01-09 - A resolution authorizing the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to sign a 6-month lease extension and approving the \$500.00 monthly lease fee on the Belshe Property. Motion to approve Resolution 01-09 was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed 4 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 1 abstention.

Seventh item of business: Linda gave a report regarding the status of the Gathering of the Nations trip. She reported the tribe would be represented by three Veterans, John Boursassa, John Bourbonnais and Tom Cooper. There was a motion made by Linda Capps and seconded by J. P. Motley to spend up to \$3000.00 for gifts for the giveaway. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Eighth item of business: Resolution 01-10 - a resolution congratulating Bob Dunning for his 15 years with the tribe and recognition of his projects. Motion to approve Resolution 01-10 was made by John Barrett and seconded by J. P. Motley. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions. Chairman Barrett announced there would be a retirement party for Bob Dunning on August 1, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Long Room.

Ninth item of business: Resolution 01-11 - A resolution approving clinic policies regarding eligibility and Contract Health. (See attached). Motion made by Hilton Melot and seconded by Gene Bruno. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Tenth item of business: There being no further business before the Committee, motion to adjourn was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by J. P. Motley. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

John A. Barrett, Jr., Chairman

Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 26, 2000

Present: Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman J. P. Motley, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale and Administrative Services Director Vickie Canfield.

Absent: None

Guests: Firelake Discount Food Manager Terry O'Rourke and Housing Director Bob Carlile

Call to Order: Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

First item of business: Minutes of the previous Business Committee meeting of July 19, 2000 were approved on a motion made by Linda Capps and seconded by Gene Bruno. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Second item of business: Resolution 01-12 - A resolution directing General Counsel to bring an action against John A. Barrett, Jr., in his capacity as Business Committee Chairman seeking a declaratory judgment resolving two controversies, or alternatively, to seek a writ. Motion to approve Resolution 01-12 was made by Hilton Melot and seconded by Gene Bruno. Passed 4 voting for, 1 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Third item of business: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance: This Ordinance deals with the Tribe becoming its own FEMA administrator regarding flood plain issues within the reservation area. Motion to approve Ordinance 01-01 was made by Linda Capps and seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Fourth item of business: Resolution 01-13 - A resolution authorizing an agreement between Firelake, Remington Park, Magna and Oklahoma Horseman pursuant to a letter dated 7-26-2000, signed by John Sullivan, Vice-President and General Council, LVDC. Agreement will be signed per terms outlined in letter, with two stipulations: (1) There must be a time limit of one year or comparable time limits which meets various tract contracts so a termination does not occur in the middle of the season (2) There must be an exit provision of 60 days for either party to end contract. Motion to approve Resolution 01-13 was made by J. P. Motley and seconded by Gene Bruno. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Fifth item of business: Terry O'Rourke presented an overview on the status of the construction project at Firelake Discount Foods. He reported the project is six days behind schedule due to rain, and crews will be working Saturdays to get caught up. However, he reported the project is on target with projected budget costs.

Sixth item of business: Reinstatement of Dennis Lloyd Hernandez to the membership roll of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation: After discussion, it was decided that additional information was needed regarding the blood degree. Motion to table this issue, pending additional information, was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed 5 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Business Committee recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Seventh item of business: Firelake Mini-Putt: Bob Trousdale gave an overview of the Mini-Putt. He reported gross sales averaged \$10,000 for the first month and expenses totaled \$5,000.

Eighth item of business: There being no further business before the Committee, motion to adjourn was made by Gene Bruno and seconded by Linda Capps. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

John A. Barrett, Jr., Chairman

Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer

BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

| Date | Resolution # | Title | Vote (for, opposed, absent, abstentions) |
|---------|--------------|---|--|
| 7-12-00 | 01-01 | A resolution directing the Secretary-Treasurer to discontinue salary payments to John A. Barrett, Jr. | 4-1-0-0 |
| 7-12-00 | 01-02 | A resolution authorizing a Teaming Agreement between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Larry Daugherty of TelePresence, L.L.C. for obtaining federal contracts | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-12-00 | 01-03 | A resolution authorizing purchase of equipment for The Farm consisting of a 1997 John Deere 566 Round Bailer (\$20,000), new Disc Mower and Rakes (\$5,000) and 1998 Dodge 1-ton, 4-wheel drive diesel truck (\$20,000) | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-12-00 | 01-04 | A resolution authorizing purchase of Charley's Golf Cart property, located south of our existing property, at a purchase price of \$30,000 | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-05 | A resolution duly adopted by the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation authorizing and approving the purchase of equipment vital to the tribal operations | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-06 | A resolution authorizing and showing public support of the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition and authorizing the use of the Pow Wow Grounds and Round House for an Intertribal Pow Wow | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-07 | A resolution authorizing Citizen Potawatomi Nation to execute a lease agreement with Planet Bingo, L.L.C. and granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-08 | A resolution accepting a loan commitment of \$5,000,000 from Union Bank & Trust company for construction and leasehold mortgage financing for FireLake Discount Foods | 5-0-0-0 |
| Date | Resolution # | Title | Vote (For, opposed, absent, abstentions) |
| 7-19-00 | 01-09 | A resolution authorizing the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to sign a 6-month lease extension and approving the \$500.00 monthly lease fee on the Belshe Property | 4-0-0-1 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-10 | A resolution congratulating Bob Dunning for his 15 years with the tribe and recognition of his projects | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-19-00 | 01-11 | A resolution approving clinic policies regarding eligibility and Contract Health | 5-0-0-0 |
| 7-26-00 | 01-12 | A resolution directing General Counsel to bring an action against John A. Barrett, Jr., in his capacity as Business Committee Chairman seeking a declaratory judgment resolving two controversies, or alternatively, to seek a writ | 4-1-0-0 |
| 7-26-00 | 01-13 | A resolution authorizing an agreement between FireLake, Remington Park, Magna and Oklahoma Horseman | 5-0-0-0 |

CPN POSITION OPENING

Dental Officer

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has an immediate opening for a Dental Officer to join a team of health care professionals, providing the full scope of dental care to our patients. This is a new four-chair facility and a new service provided to our patients in our health complex. This position will be responsible for the development, management and administrative leadership of the dental clinic. Applications are being accepted from all interested parties. Position may be permanent or temporary, full-time, part-time or on a contractual basis. Send CVs or Resumes to Shirl Eastep, Human Resource Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.



From The Chairman

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

Bouzho Nicon, (Hello, my friends),

To all of you who have responded to my last HowNiKan column about real Potawatomi tradition being based on our tribal families, thank you.

The elders of this tribe know that our true centuries-old traditions are based on the gathering and sharing of stories, games, and dancing among our tribal families. The very basis of our Heritage Festival is family reunions. The very basis of our identity as Potawatomi is being members of one of the 40 or so families that came here from Kansas to settle the new reservation we had purchased in Oklahoma. Keeping alive the spirit that bound us together as a people in 1867 when we became the Citizen Potawatomi is what our real traditions are about. The real spirit of our tribe is family pride. I will never forget the pride and sense of tribal identity I saw in the eyes of the more than 350 Citizen Potawatomi that danced in this years Grand Entry. I don't think those who did it will forget either.

The Festival has already begun to develop its own traditions. This year each of the reunion families selected a Head Family Dancer to lead them into the dance circle for the Grand Entry. Next year we will show everyone the best way to enter the dance ring to honor another family or person during the Reunion Family Honor Dances. It is done by entering slightly in front of the lead row dancers (and their Head Family Dancer), and shaking their hands and the hands of the closest elders. You then go to the back of the group of dancers on the inside of the circle and join them as they dance around the circle. If you are invited to dance along with someone not at the back of the group, feel free. Since all of our families are related to each other in some way, each family should join to honor the others when their dance comes up. Especially important is the need to help a family that does not have many of their people at the reunion, for what ever reason. Step up for them. Don't let them dance in a very small group.

I just returned from the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Carter, Wisconsin. It was hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi and was a wonderful event. The Forest County Potawatomi are to be congratulated on their success and the gracious hospitality they extended to everyone. A number of Citizen Potawatomi attended in addition to the seventeen who went up on our bus. I am especially grateful to Tom Cooper, John Bourbonnais, and John Bourassa for serving as our Veterans Honor Guard. They especially honored me by inviting me to march in the Grand Entry with them. Tom is a Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam era, John Bourbonnais is a Marine Corps veteran of WWII, and John Bourassa is a retired Air Force Colonel of the Vietnam era. It was a great honor to be with these men who served their country. On one night the announcer mistakenly announced my name as a Vietnam veteran, which I am not, but corrected it the next night. We brought in our eagle flag, the United States flag, and the tribal flag.

The Forest County Potawatomi veterans honored us with a beautiful carved wood plaque. There were as many as ten drum groups in the center of the big circus tent we danced under. The food was nothing short of incredible. On Saturday night they served roast beef, red deer venison from some 200 deer given by their tribal members, pork tenderloin and 800 pounds of buffalo donated by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. All of this was served with a wild rice dish that was delicious. There were pipe ceremonies and talking feather circles each day and many demonstrations of Potawatomi crafts and language. They have a nice casino in Carter, Wisconsin and a beautiful hotel all set in a scenic north woods setting.

Next year's Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations will be hosted by the Wasauksing First Nation in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. Stuart King is their leader and it should be a beautiful setting. We will charter a bus for the trip for those who wish to attend.

In the next eight months I will be hosting several events in the Regions to meet with you in a less formal setting than the Regional Council meetings. These are not tribal government meetings. They are something I plan to do personally. I want to talk about our traditions and ceremonies, especially those for our veterans. We also need to talk about a constitutional revision to protect the existence of the Regional Councils. These meetings will be part of my campaign for re-election as Tribal Chairman. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chairman for the last fifteen years. Megwetch,

John Barrett



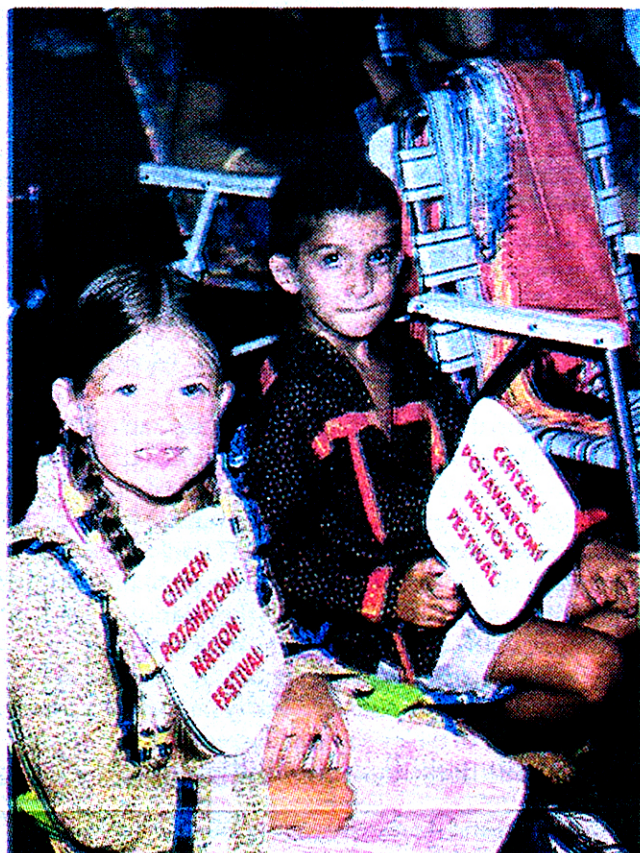
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The faces of the children at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's second annual Heritage Festival reflect what the celebration is all about, family and the future.

